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Sir:

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c), after the mailing of the first Official Action, but before the mailing date of either a Final Action or Notice of Allowance.

Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. It includes one United States patent, one foreign patent document, and one Chinese Office Action with English Translation. The Applicants have employed Form PTO-1449 for the purpose of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

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It is the position of the Applicants that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record.

In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the foregoing more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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